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**TWO-YEAR PEOPLE'S ECONOMIC PROGRAM DEADLINE ADVANCED**

MOVES DATE TO END OF OCTOBER -- Nodong Sinmun, 18 Feb 50

Workers of the four largest factories in Hamgyong Namdo convened in Much'on 39 18, 127 18 on 8 February 1950 to work out plans to meet the production quota in accordance with the new People's Economic Program deadline which has been advanced to the end of October 1950.

Oh Hung-no, chairman of the Factory Workers, made an impressive appeal to the workers to do whatever they could to meet the new deadline and surpass the original production quota. Some workers complained in the convention that there were workers who did not appear to be concerned over logging production, and others told how to produce useful by-products with salvaged fragmentary materials.

The convention passed a special resolution containing the following demands:

1. Yongsong Factory /Located at 41 22, 127.56/ must complete the two-year People's Economic Program by the end of October 1950, with 20 percent increased production and must also increase labor productivity by 120 percent.
2. The factories must conserve raw materials and reduce the cost of production by 3.6 percent.
3. The factories must hold meetings regularly once a week to discuss ways and means of eliminating defective goods and of improving the quality of goods; also increase production capacity by 88 percent.
4. The factories must take concrete steps to train another 225 new technicians.

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CHAGANG PROVINCE HAS FIRST ANNIVERSARY -- Nodong Sinmun, 11 Feb 50

On 8 February 1950, Chagang Province was one year old as an independent province. Chagang Province was created to exploit the rich subterranean minerals and the abundant timbers in Chagang and to assist in a successful completion of the Two-Year People's Economic Program. During 1949, construction and installation work was pushed to revive the mining industry in the province. As a result, the Manp'o and Myongdal mines, which had been abandoned by the Japanese, have been restored to full production. Further improvements were made in the mining facilities at Huch'ang, Dongbang, and Hwap'ung mines. The 1949 production of these mines was 120.4 percent in comparison to 1944.

In addition, construction work on the Tokno River hydroelectric plant, which will be capable of generating 60,000 kilowatts upon completion, was begun in February 1949 and is progressing according to schedule. With regard to land transportation, the electrification of the Kaego-Koin Railroad Line has doubled freight capacity all along the Manp'o Railroad system. Also, repair work on the Kang-Sok Line in Kangge, which was undertaken in September 1949 by patriotic citizens, became so successful that the line's transportation facilities have increased substantially.

In September 1949, a 22-kilometer railroad project was undertaken in a timber area to promote the lumber industry. The project was completed quickly. In 1949, timber felling was 188.8 percent, logging 124.1 percent and lumber production 116.7 percent, based on 1948 figures.

Progress in other fields (1949 percentages based on 1948), was as follows: seeded acreage 131.3 percent; agricultural products 108; domestic animals 163.2, cooperative business 188.7; number of people's schools (elementary grade) 130.8, number of junior high schools 158, and number of senior high schools 124 percent. In addition, there are eight new libraries in Chagang Province which accommodated 13,000 readers during 1949.

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